

The town of Hickory is crowded with visitors.

Col. R. Bingham's School opened with splendid success this week.

A large number of buildings are in process of construction in Charlotte.

The Duplin Record says the corn crop in that section promises an unprecedented yield.

Wilson is to have a new Methodist Church, on the corner of Greene and Church streets.

The Lincoln Progress has never seen such good prospects for corn as now.

Partin, the wife and child murderer, was seen and fired at in a Wake swamp last Sunday.

Trade is improving in Hickory. The merchants are kept busy weighing black berries.

The Protestant, whose editor has been travelling, says the crops are all fine east of Greensboro.

The improvements on the N. C. College are now completed and make a very handsome appearance.

Blessed be the man who first taught cream to freeze in spite of all the mometerdom.—Central Protestant.

The Milton Chronicle says that the corn crop of that section is the best that the eyes of man ever beheld, or, rather the most promising.

The Rev. S. Taylor Martin, a Presbyterian Minister has leased the Charlotte Female Institute for three years.

A young bather at Beaufort last week after saving a fainting lady from drowning took chloride of zinc by mistake and was for a time in danger of losing his life. So says the Nut Shell.

The Charlotte Democrat says: Mr. R. C. Beard, near Huntersville, has a silver coin dated 1733. He thinks it is a French piece of money worth about 124 cents.

Says the Alamance Gleaner: There are five cotton factories in operation in this county, two more being built; one of which, the dimensions are fifty by two-hundred feet.

The suspension of Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York, does not affect any house in North Carolina, and neither does it seriously affect any house at the South so far as our information extends.

Weldon News: On Wednesday night last, while Messrs Joseph McGowan and Boss Pope were swinging at a rapid height Mr. Pope fell out, a distance of twenty feet, and broke his left thigh in two places.

Concord Register: Our friend, Mr. I. A. Fitzgerald, on his farm near Linwood, Davidson county, from wheat sowed, threshed 1044 bushels.

Mr. A. G. Lantz, of this place, raised from one peck of Irish potatoes, Early Rose variety, eleven bushels.

The controversy at Newton between Rev. D. May, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Schmidt, of the Lutheran Church, continued seven days, each speaking two hours every day.

Toisnot Transcript: We learn that a political difficulty between the whites and blacks, occurred in Marlboro, Pitt county, on last Saturday night, during which three negroes were shot. No whites hurt.

A most terrific hail storm passed over Abbottsburg on Monday. The Wilmington Journal says the house of Mr. Wm. Drews was entirely demolished. Mr. Drews' clothes were literally torn off, and he was severely injured.

Says the Greensboro Patriot: 'A party of twenty-eight ladies and gentlemen passed through here last Wednesday and fifteen more the day following for Piedmont. They were nearly all from Danville and vicinity.'

The Monroe Enquirer says: Mr. Burton Fincher sends us a real live centipede 24 inches long caught—not in Texas, where the most of them come from—but near his own house. We have heard of several others having been found in the last few months.

Says the Southern Home of the State University: 'We learn that the Faculty is able and that the University will be revived under the most hopeful auspices. We trust that it will be a nursery of sound learning and that the student may be distinguished for earnest work and gentlemanly propriety.'

The Hickory Press man, the married man of the concern has become alarmed at the prevalence of the disease called lox which is raging in his burg. Hear him: 'The fact is, our town is literally filled up with the prettiest ladies you ever saw, and everybody, even the Localizer, is head over understanding in love, and we don't blame them. If you were to see these girls you would be down with the same complaint instant.'

Says the Piedmont Press: 'Watts said at Marion that he was raised on the borders of civilization, and it took him a long time to climb the hill of fame. The first assertion is strongly supported by the very striking resemblance between him and the monkey family and the additional characteristic that the higher he climbs the more he shows his monkeyism.'

Says the Wilmington Star: 'There is a colored woman residing on Capt. Grainger's place on Masonboro Sound who has reached the advanced age of 105 years. Her name is Rabel Neal. She is somewhat deaf, but her eyesight is comparatively good, and thought she remembers distinctly all about the times that tried men's souls who does not put forth any claim to having been a house-servant of the great and good Washington.'

The Toisnot Transcript learns that after the speaking at Stanhope, Nash county, last Thursday evening, an affray occurred between two negroes, and while Mr. Jesse Flood, an aged white man, was trying to separate them, Mark Dozier, a negro, ran up and pulled Mr. Flood off and out a gash in his side about 12 inches long. He is not expected to live. Dozier was arrested and is now in Nash jail.

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THANKS.—To F. Powell, Esq., for assistance in the get up of to-day's paper.

AWFULLY SICK.—Joe Martin, of Martin. We learn he gave up the ghost on Thursday night.

P. S. Since writing the above, the official report gives Russell 63 majority.

OUR MAJORITY.—Will be at least fifteen in the convention—large enough to rescue the State from ignorance and rascality.

ANNOYED.—The Superior Court (civil term) last Friday morning after nearly two weeks of labor. The Docket is cleared of all the cases but fifty. Judge Seymour, has the thanks of all for his patient attention. He obtained the respect all, both as a Judge and a gentleman.

THE REASON WHY.—No wonder Judge Moore is fond of being a member of Conventions. Maj. Lathan in a speech at Haddock's X Roads in Pitt county asserted that Moore while acting in such a capacity got possession of about \$20,000 in state bonds that the said bonds have never been accounted for.

CHARGE.—Mr. Henry Spragins has disposed of his interest in the ice cream saloon, and entered the Post Office department where we feel sure he will be as polite in dealing out mail matter as he was in dealing cream, &c.

NEW BUS.—The new Omnibus of Messrs. Sharpe & Westlake commenced running last Monday. It is well and elegantly built reflecting credit upon its builders, Messrs. Husey Bros. & Williamson, and upon its owners for running such a commodious vehicle for the accommodation of the public. It is ahead of anything in the State.

THE SHOOTING AFFRAY.—As the editor of this paper was one of the parties engaged in the late shooting affray, we refrain from publishing a circumstantial statement for fear that it might tend to prejudice one side or the other. The matter will be in the hands of the court at an early day, and after stating we acted in defense of self and the liberty of the press, the rest is with his Honor.

BENEFIT.—At the request of Mr. W. T. Godwin, representative for this county, we announce that the Louisville Medical College has granted one Beneficiary Scholarship to each county in this State and that any one who desires to attend and is unable on account of pecuniary resources, can apply to him and will receive the necessary certificate to entitle the applicant to admittance.

A BLACK SNAKE CATCHES A FLYING SQUIRREL.—We were told a few days ago of a fight that happened on the plantation of Col. E. Cromwell, between a black snake and flying squirrel. It seems that the snake stole slyly up a tree and grabbed the squirrel unawares, and immediately tightened his coils around him so powerful that life was soon extinct. He then fell from the tree for the purpose of devouring his prey. It was something new to those who witnessed it.

GENERAL RANSOM.—Our distinguished Senator fought nobly in the cause that was decided yesterday in the cause of the white men of the State. Eastern Carolina well canvassed by him and his earnest eloquence aroused the spirit of determination wherever he went. In Nash he was enthusiastically received and in Pitt two solid acres of white men listened with rapt attention to the gifted Senator. Both counties have gone Democratic and his visits were attended with beneficial results on all sides. The interests of North Carolinians are always safe in the hands of Matthew W. Ransom, the soldier, patriot and statesman.

ENIGMA.—I am composed of 12 letters. My first is in water but not in rain. My second is in high but not in low. My third is in less but not in more. My fourth is in laugh but not in snore. My fifth is in hand but not in land. My sixth is in line but not in band. My seventh is in dance but not in sing. My eighth is in bell but not in ring. My ninth is in run but not in go. My tenth is in yet but not in no. My eleventh is in chair but not in stool. My twelfth is in man but not in fool. My whole is one of Tarboro's "funny boys."

BADLY FRIGHTENED.—A certain swain, residing not far distant, has been visiting his "little sweetie" quite frequently for some time. Last week he paid her a call, fully determined to know, ere he departed, what should be his destiny. While the "old folks" were sweetly resting in the arms of Morpheus, the devoted swain gathered his faculties, summed up courage for the onslaught and "popped the question," at which she became badly frightened and exclaimed: "My dearest, you scare me." The young man remained silent for some time, when she grew weary, and, tapping him on the shoulder, ejaculated: "Johnnie, scare me again!"

WHAT COUNTY PAPERS DO.—An exchange came with considerable vigor the arguments that the city weeklies are cheaper than the country papers, because they give more columns of reading matter for the money. Do the city papers ask, ever give you any home news? Never. Do they ever say anything in regard to your own county? Nothing. Do they contain notices of schools, churches, meetings, improvements, and hundreds of other matters of interest, which your county papers publish without pay? Not an item. Do they ever say a word calculated to draw attention to your county and its numerous thriving towns, and aid in its progress and enterprise? Not a word. Then support and sustain your county paper.

TESTING SEED.—Farmers would do well to clip this out and remember it: One of the little things which a farmer may neglect to his cost, is that of testing field and garden seeds before planting them. Most important in this matter is the corn crop. An experienced corn grower can generally give a pretty safe opinion as to whether corn will be good for seed. There are some special marks which help to determine this question of vitality. In a few days the plants will appear, and if all or nearly all of the seeds have germinated vigorously, the quality of the seed may be considered positively settled. The work should be done promptly, so as to get another assortment if that on hand prove defective.—Western Rural.

ELECTION!

THE RESULT!

Vote of Edgemoor.

We give below the vote of Edgemoor county for Delegates as far as heard from up to the time of going to press:

FOR CONVENTION.

TOWNSHIPS.

Phillips 180 178 608 604

Lower Conetoe, 110 110 376 376

Upper Conetoe, 900 900 000 000

Deep Creek, 100 100 000 000

Lower Fishing Creek, 116 116 387 387

Upper " 94 94 299 299

Swift Creek, 107 107 450 450

Sparta, 86 86 218 217

Otter Creek, 82 82 61 61

Lower Town Creek, 111 111 93 93

Walnut Creek, 54 54 174 173

Rocky Mount, 121 120 219 219

Coke, 600 600 000 000

Upper Town Creek, 600 600 000 000

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We give below returns from all the counties heard from up to going to press. It will be seen that they are so few that no definite figures can be made in regard to the general result. There is nothing in the returns to discourage us. Except Mecklenburg and Gaston, the Republicans make no unexpected gains, while we gain Robeson which was hardly counted upon.

In our last Legislature the Democratic majority was 46. The Republicans must therefore gain 24 members to secure a majority in the Convention. Their gains thus far are Wake, four; Lenoir, one; Richmond, one; and probably two, each in Wayne and Mecklenburg, and one in Gaston, a total of eleven. We gain two in Robeson. This makes a net Republican gain of nine.

The territory heard from embraces nine-tenths of the debatable ground in the State, while Alamance, Person, Buncombe, Yadin and Alexander will probably give Democratic gains. We still believe that the Democrats will have a majority of fifteen in the Convention.

PITT.

Jarvis & King elected. Majority 100. Official.

MARTIN.

Elder C. B. Hassell, (dem.) elected. Official.

BEACFORT.

Rodman defeated. Shepherd's majority at least is 350.

NASH.

A special dispatch from Rocky Mount informs us that Bunn, Democrat, carries that county by 174 majority.

WILSON.

Singletary, Democrat, is elected by 500 majority.

WAYNE.

Result of Wayne is still in doubt, the election being very close. The official vote will probably be necessary to decide. Dorchester is probably elected.

HALIFAX.

The vote at Henderson, is as follows: Manning 210, Smith 192, O'Hara 396, Goodwin 297.

GRANVILLE.

Republican gains at Henderson and Kitter.

ANSON.

We carried Wadesboro township after the hardest contest ever fought by 63 majority—a large gain. The county is safe for Bennett, Democrat, by a large majority, with a heavy vote.

ROBESON.

Robeson has certainly gone Democratic: (a gain).

RICHMOND.

Dockery, Radical, is elected by 350 majority.

MONTGOMERY.

Two townships in Montgomery give Dr. Andrews, Democrat, a majority.

LENOIR.

King, Radical, carries the county by about 400 majority.

BRUNSWICK.

Brunswick is in doubt.

ROWAN.

Shober and Henderson elected by 450 majority.

ORANGE.

Graham's majority at Durham precinct 85, Turner's majority 57.

FRANKLIN.

Franklin made a Democratic gain of 34. Freeman's precinct gave Democrat. gain of 40. This secures Green's election.

MECKLENBURG, LINCOLN AND GASTON.

The Convention candidates in Mecklenburg are probably defeated.

Lincoln elects Motz, Democrat.

Gaston has probably gone Republican.

BLADEN.

Bladen township gives a gain of 11 for Russ, Conservative, Abbott township gives a gain of 11 for Russ and Brown Marsh gives Russ a gain of 18.

There is strong hope of Russ election.

DUPLIN.

Returns from Magnolia and Island Creek indicate that Duplin gives her usual Democratic majority.

Silver Plated Ice Pitchers, Goblets, &c., at BELL'S, together with a full assortment of desirable Table Ware and Cutlery. Also Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Stands, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Rings, Chains, Charms, Bracelets, Gold and Silver Thimbles, &c. Cheap.

THE BEST in the Commonwealth for the money, Mohagan's Banker Segars and Glee Club Segars. Ask your Druggist, Hotel Keeper and Grocer for the Bankers and Glee Club Segars. Manufactured in Norfolk, Va., by Mr. J. W. MEHEGAN.

Chamberlain & Davis are offering great inducements to purchasers of goods in their line. A splendid assortment of Clocks just received. A full line of 18K Rings, Vest and Opera Chains, cheaper than they were ever offered before in Tarboro. Every thing else in their line "dirt cheap." Fine repairing a specialty.

MAKED.

GILLESPIE—HOUSE.—In this county on the 4th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Prof. Sylvester Hassell, Mr. DAVID G. GILLESPIE, of Wilson, and Miss EVELYN ROGERS, of Edgemoor.

DIED.

ROGER AT HOME.—Mr. J